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To: NFHS State Association Baseball Liaisons
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The NFHS has been alerted to a product that is being marketed as a bat barrel wrapping which covers the bat's graphics. The covering is shrink wrapped to the bat barrel, which poses several issues associated with bat compliance and is therefore prohibited from NFHS baseball competition. Specifically, NFHS rules require:

1. Bats that are crack free. Bat wraps potentially cover cracks, breaks, dents and could make them undetectable to the coach and/or umpire.
2. Bats that meet the Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) performance standard and bear the rectangular certification mark "BBCOR .50" (except all wood bats made of a single piece of wood).
3. Bats that do not contain materials inside the bat or treatments/devices used to alter the bat specifications and/or enhance performance are prohibited and render the bat illegal.

A bat wrapping that covers the bat barrel also covers potential cracks, breaks, dents, the BBCOR certification mark would be considered an altered bat per NFHS Baseball Rules 1-3-2a(3), 1-3-5 and 7-4-1a. Any questions should be directed to the NFHS offices. Thank you for your time and cooperation.